STATE OF ILLINOIS ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

Illinois Power Agency

Petition for Approval of its 2017

16-0453

Procurement Plan pursuant to Section

16-111.5(d)(4) of the Public Utilities Act. :

VERIFIED PETITION TO INTERVENE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ON BEHALF OF THE **ENERGY RESOURCES CENTER** AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois on behalf of the Energy Resources Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago ("ERC"), by its undersigned attorney, pursuant to 83 III. Admin. Code § 200.200, hereby respectfully petitions the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") for leave to intervene and participate in this docket. In support of this petition, the ERC states as follows:

1. On September 27, 2016, the Illinois Power Agency ("IPA") filed with the Commission a petition seeking approval of the IPA's 2017 Electricity Procurement Plan ("2017 Plan") pursuant to Section 16-111.5(d)(4) of the Public Utilities Act, 220 ILCS 5/1-101 et seq. Accompanying the petition is a copy of the IPA's proposed 2017 Plan covering the procurement of electricity and renewable energy credits for customers of certain Illinois electric distribution utilities for the period June 2017 through May 2022.

- 2. The ERC, located within the College of Engineering at the University of Illinois at Chicago, was founded in 1973 as an organization dedicated to energy efficiency and the environment. Today, the ERC is an interdisciplinary public service, research, and special projects organization that provides expertise in the areas of energy efficiency, distributed generation, utilities billing management, and biofuels and bioenergy.
- 3. The ERC is interested in this proceeding because it has submitted proposals for inclusion in the 2017 Plan that promote and encourage energy efficiency in the service territories of Ameren Illinois Company and Commonwealth Edison Company.
- 4. To the extent that there are any objections or concerns with its proposals, no other party can adequately respond to such objections or concerns and no other party can represent the ERC's interests in this matter.
 - 5. All correspondence to the ERC should be addressed to:

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6. The ERC agrees to accept service by electronic means as provided for in 83 III. Admin. Code §200.1050.

WHEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois on behalf of the Energy Resources Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago respectfully requests leave to intervene and to participate as a party in this proceeding.

Dated: October 19, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois on behalf of the Energy Resources Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago

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VERIFICATION

John D. Albers, on oath, states that he is an attorney for the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois on behalf of the Energy Resources Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago, that he is authorized to make this verification on behalf of the Board of Trustees, that he has read the foregoing Petition to Intervene and is familiar with the matters set forth therein, and that the matters set forth in the Petition to Intervene are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

John D. Albers

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of October, 2016.

Notary Public

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PATRICIA I YAFT
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS
My Commission Expires Apr 27, 2020

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that he has caused the Petition to Intervene of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois on behalf of the Energy Resources Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago in Docket No. 16-0453 to be served on each of the following persons on the Service List by e-mail on October 19, 2016.

John D. Albers

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